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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. About 1130 on 13 September 1954, two single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, probably Yak-9s but definitely no Il-10s, were parked in front of the southernmost hangar at Doeberitz airfield. One biplane was observed in a revetment at the northern edge of the field. The westernmost hangar at the southern edge of the field was closed and guarded by air force sentries armed with submachine guns. Major Bobrof (fnu) who was assigned to the workshops stated that ammunition was stored in the hangars. The middle hangar of the three hangars was closed and not guarded by sentries. Four large gray-blue engine crates and several small unpainted crates were observed in front of another closed hangar east of the three hangars. About 100 meters east of the isolated hangar was a transformer to which the airfield lighting facilities were connected. There was no air activity at 1130. 1 25X1
2. On 13 September, 4 cubic wooden structures, each about 1.5 x 1.5 meters, were seen near the end of the spur track, at the same point where excavation had been under way some weeks ago. It was assumed that underground fuel containers had been installed since white sand was seen nearby. A small wooden shed was located near the 4 wooden structures. 2 25X1
3. The unit of the auditor Senior Lieutenant Panfilov (fnu) was still quartered in the NSKK Kaserne formerly occupied by the motor vehicle instruction battalion, and in the eastern section of the Richthofen Kaserne. An air force soldier armed with a carbine was posted at each side of the barrier which blocked the quartering buildings near building No 54a. On 18 September, Senior Lieutenant Panfilov was not present in the headquarters building. He was replaced by an air force major who stated that Panfilov was on furlough. Colonel Vasilyev (fnu), the unit commander, also was absent. Negotiations were held in the headquarters building No 59 from where air force personnel were seen moving in the billeting area. Some billeting buildings were being cleaned by soldiers.

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4. About noon on 18 September, auditor Ivanov (fnu) was present in headquarters building No 19 which was guarded by an air force soldier armed with a pistol. There was little activity in the billeting area; it was assumed that the EM received theoretical instruction. The chief of the workshops, Kraiyevci, had stated some time ago that the Unit Ivanov was a training unit. Individual soldiers and small groups of soldiers carrying books were repeatedly seen in the area of Unit Ivanov.
5. On 18 September, source conferred with Major Bobrof (fnu), who was the new chief of the workshops. The sound of several propeller engines was heard from the test stands. No railroad cars were observed on the spur track. Major Bobrof stated that the quartering buildings south of Herold Platz still belonged to the workshops. An air force soldier armed with a submachine gun was posted at the entrance gate to the quartering buildings and some Soviet women with baby carriages passed through the gate. Major Bobrof still was in charge of the AA gun emplacements in which 6 x 37-mm AA guns were observed.
6. Army Major Dubinka (fnu) was still responsible for the fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the airfield. Each of the two wooden towers was occupied by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Since the fuel dump was meanwhile provided with a current supply of its own, the chief of the workshops was no longer responsible for the current consumption of the dump.
7. On 17 September, a conference was held with Lieutenant Colonel Besvershi (fnu), chief of the artillery equipment park, and in the presence of auditor Nuzhnykh (fnu). About 1040, Lieutenant Colonel Besvershi was at the Dallgow railroad station where drums were being unloaded from three boxcars, and subsequently hauled to the artillery equipment park.
8. On 18 September, no changes were observed in connection with Unit Panchenkov which was still quartered in the buildings on Thaelmann Platz. 3
9. Between 18 and 24 September, Po-2s repeatedly crossed over the field coming from the south. The noise of engines was occasionally heard from the test stands at the northern and southern edges of the field. Trucks [] were observed. 25X1 25X1
10. Between 20 and 25 September, some billets in the Richthofen Kaserne, including the attics in building No 16, were unexpectedly being prepared. Almost daily, double decker beds arrived in the barracks installation. Motor vehicles employed included trucks [] 25X1 25X1
[] Activity in the installation still consisted of instruction, manual training and athletic. Some groups of 30 to 40 men armed with carbines and carrying practice targets were seen marching from the barracks installations to the training field. Some officers were observed for the first time in the guardhouse at the southern entrance gate to the barracks installation. 1
11. Between 20 and 25 September, no change of occupation was observed in the NSKK Kaserne. Athletic activity was rather intensive. Officers with the wing insignia on their right breast were repeatedly seen going by bicycle from the field to the barracks installations. 3

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